

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 492

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Bernard Mitchell Higdon of Halls.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Bernard “Sonny” Mitchell Higdon of Halls; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higdon was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a 1965 graduate of Memphis State University, Sonny Higdon rendered sterling service as a terminal manager for Campbell’s ‘66’ Express in Little Rock, Arkansas, in which position he earned the respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he also served with acumen and alacrity in the Marketing Department of the Volunteer Truck Line in Dyersburg before taking his much deserved retirement in 2000; and

WHEREAS, a former member of the Tennessee State Guard, Mr. Higdon was a dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous military and veterans’ organizations, including serving as a member of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association and the Confederate Air Force (now Commemorative), an Honorary Board Member of the Dyersburg Army Air Base Memorial Association, and Curator and Exhibit Designer for The Veterans’ Museum in Halls; and

WHEREAS, as a tribute to this patriot’s unyielding support of our valiant servicemen and women, the Lauderdale County Commission recently donated a cannon and \$500 to The Veteran’s Museum in Halls, which Sonny Higdon was instrumental in promoting and maintaining; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Higdon was a lifelong member of the Halls First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable man was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his beloved parents, Bernard Carl Higdon and Norma Mitchell Higdon; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Higdon enjoyed the love and companionship of his wife, Patricia Meadows Higdon, with whom he treasured fifty-three years of martial bliss; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higdon was the proud and loving father and father-in-law of Michelle Higdon Wolfe and Rick Wolfe; and

WHEREAS, Sonny Higdon will also be sorely missed by his sister, Carla Higdon Hamilton, and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Higdon leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Bernard Mitchell Higdon, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Higdon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.